

polyester, polyethylene, and combinations thereof.

72. The carpet according to claim 66, wherein the weight ratio of said woven fabric component to said nonwoven fabric component is between about 1 to about 5.

73. A primary backing for a carpet, wherein said primary backing is formed from a woven fabric component having warp and fill yarns needlepunched to a bonded nonwoven fabric component, said woven fabric component having a weight of about 2 ounces per square yard to about 8 ounces per square yard and a weave construction of between about 20 ends per inch to about 35 ends per inch and between about 10 picks per inch to about 30 picks per inch, wherein said warp yarns, said fill yarns, or combinations thereof comprise synthetic fibers, wherein said primary backing has a dimensional stability of about 3 pounds to about 20 pounds as determined by grabbing and pulling the backing at a 45 degree angle in relation to the warp and fill yarns of the backing such that the backing incurs approximately a 5% elongation.

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REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as presently amended are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and meet all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112.

It is believed that the present application is in complete condition for allowance and favorable action, therefore, is respectfully requested. Examiner Torres-Velazquez is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned, however, should any issues remain after consideration of this response.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 04-1403.

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